

THE HONGKONG AND SPEECH

No. 3635

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

BaNKS.
THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL \$1,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP 2,351,093.15.
BANKERS: CAPITAL & COUNCIL'S BANK, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE: No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.
BRANCHES: BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI.
AGENCIES: PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.
RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
AND FIXED DEPOSITS CAN BE ASCERTAINED
ON APPLICATION.
EVERY DESCRIPTION OF BANKING AND EXCHANGE
BUSINESS TRANSACTED.
CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.
Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [887]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.
AUTHORISED CAPITAL \$1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED \$1,485,000

BANKERS: LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS AT THE RATE OF 2 PER CENT.
PER ANNUM ON THE DAILY BALANCE.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 "
" 3 " 3 "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital \$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital \$1,500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. GILLES, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
K. Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.
H. Stolterfoth, Esq.
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and
Amoy.

BANKERS:—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland.
Parrs Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ltd.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [88]

Announcements.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC
CLUB,

WILL GIVE PERFORMANCES OF THE
COMIC OPERA

"PRINCESS TOTO,"

BY GILBERT AND CLAY.

On the following dates:—

December 26th, 28th and 30th, 1893,

and

January 3rd, 5th, 9th and 13th, 1894.

Curtain to rise at 9 P.M. precisely each night.

Prices: \$1, \$2, \$3.

Seats for any of all performances can be
booked at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO's, and
after TUESDAY, the 19th December, from
10 A.M.

Books of the Words of the Songs, price 15
cents, at the Booking Office.

A late Train will run a quarter of an hour
after the fall of the Curtain, each night.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1893. [196]

THE COMING SENSATION.

A GENUINE CHRISTMAS-TREAT.

D'ARCY'S WORLD D.F.A.M.E.D.
MARIONETTES.

FANTOCHES FRANCAISES.

A GRAND FANTOCCHI TROUPE.

COURT MINSTRELS.

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GRAND BALLETES.

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BEAUTIFUL DRESSES AND SCENERY.

LOVELY LIME-LIGHT EFFECTS.

The whole tou-ensemble

A MARVEL OF SPLENDOUR.

A BIJOU THEATRE

Is being erected at WEST POINT, which will
be favourably fitted up. Private Boxes, Brilliantly

lit by Gas, &c., to let everything will be done to
ACCOMPLISH A TRIUMPH.

WATCH FOR OPENING DATE.

FURTHER PARTICULARS SHORTLY.

E. C. CLITHEROW,
Business Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1893. [192]

NGAI SHANG.

22, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

RATTAN FURNITURE
of Every Description.

CHAIRS, COUCHES, TABLES, BASKETS,

CHILDREN'S COTS, ETC., ETC.

Latest Patterns, Best Workmanship.

Also

Rattan Core, Solid Rattan, Caning, Reed and
Sundries, of all kinds.

Hongkong, 22nd November, 1893. [190]

Insurances.

THE STANDARD.

ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—
(a) It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.
(b) It provides a Fund for Retirement.
(c) It supplies an excellent Investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.
(d) The Surrender and loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

Full particulars on application,
DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents,
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE,
Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [147]

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY OF
NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCES on
favourable terms.
Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal
to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1893. [145]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS AT CURRENT RATES ON GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [173]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } \$833,333.33.
EQUAL TO } RESERVE FUND \$318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
LEE SING, Esq. LO YEEU MOON, Esq.
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken
AT CURRENT RATES, to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [174]

Intimations.

THE FESTIVE SEASON.

THE HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY

HAVE A FINE SELECTION OF TABLE LINEN.

USEFUL 'XMAS PRESENTS.

TOYS FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

HONGKONG TRADING CO., J. P. COTTAM, Managing Partner.

3 to 7 D'Aguilar Street,

Hongkong, 18th December, 1893. [176]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the
KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART
MAATSCHAPPIJ,

are prepared to grant Bills of Lading to
Port of Java, Sumatra, (East and West Coast)

Celebes, Timor, Sumbawa Islands, Dutch New
Guinea, &c., &c. Bills of Lading for through
Carriage from these Ports to be presented to the
Undersigned for countersignature.

LAUTS, WAGENER & CO.,
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TREMENDOUS SHOW OF CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES.

EVERYTHING SUITABLE FOR A PRESENT TO A LADY.

EVERYTHING SUITABLE FOR A PRESENT TO A GENTLEMAN.

EVERYTHING SUITABLE FOR A PRESENT TO A CHILD.

TOYS! TOYS!! TOYS!!!

IMMENSE VARIETY.

ALL NEW GOODS.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1893. [16]

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Hongkong, 10th December, 1893. [16]

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1893. [16]

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1893. [16]

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1893. [16]

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1893

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

CONFECTIONERY, &c.

WE have just received our New Stock of CONFECTIONERY and are offering the same at prices suitable for the present bad times.

CHOCOLATE CREAMES.

PATES D'APRICOT.

CHOCOLATE ALMONDS.

FANCY BOXES OF SWEETS of various kinds from 2 Dollars to 25 Cents.

SUGARED ALMONDS.

BURNT ALMONDS.

MIXED SWEETS.

TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS.

CIGARETTE CASES, CIGAR CASES, CARD CASES.

In SILVER, ELECTRO, SNAKE SKIN, RUSSIAN LEATHER, &c.

CIGAR & CIGARETTE HOLDERS, PIPES.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1893. [1304]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

BRAND

WE INVITE ATTENTION TO OUR STOCKS

OF

CONFETIONERY
AND
CHRISTMAS GOODS.

JORDAN ALMONDS, NOUGAT, BUTTER SCOTCH, ASSORTED TOFFEES, DRAGEES, PRALINES, and a large selection

PURE CONFETIONERY from the leading Manufacturers.

CADBURY'S SPECIAL CHOCOLATE CREAMES.

PINE, APRICOT, CHERRY, SLIME, GUAVA, and other

FRUIT JELLIES

in great variety.

TOM SMITH'S CHRISTMA CRACKERS.

COLOURED OPALS MOUNTED IN PLUMES, representing favourite subjects.

A Large Assortment of ENGLISH AND JAPANESE CHRISTMAS CARDS,

of handsome and artistic designs, suitable to all tastes and at moderate prices.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED, The Hongkong Dispensary.

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Hongkong, 3rd November, 1893. [5]

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TELEGRAMS.

A LIBERAL VICTORY.

LONDON, December 20th. Mr. J. F. Lee, C. Recorder of Manchester, (Liberal) has been re-elected Member for Accrington, defeating his former opponent Mr. Horatio Hodge (Conservative) by a majority of 230 votes.

THE LATE "EDINBURGH'S" PERKS.

Mr. Gladstone stated that the Government had acquiesced in the decision of the Duke of Edinburgh, now of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, to renounce the annuity of £15,000 per annum while retaining the marriage annuity of £10,000 per annum.

Mr. Labouchere objected and moved an adjournment to discuss the question. Permission to adjourn was refused by a majority of 118.

The following special telegram is from the Calcutta *Advertiser*.

LONDON, November 25th. THE MANCHESTER NOVEMBER HANDICAP of 12 sows, each 10 ft., with 1,000 sows, added; for three-year-olds and upwards; winners (sealing races excepted) after the weights are declared 5lb.; twice or once of 300 sows, 10lb. extra; the owner of the second horse to receive 100 sows, out of the stakes; entrance, 5 sows, the only liability if forfeit to be declared to Messrs. Wetherby by a time to be named when the weights appear. Cup Course (one mile and six furlongs).

THE obelisk of the Esterian is an Egyptian monument of red granite, nearly 150 feet in height, originally belonging to the Temple of the Sun at Helopolis, removed thence to Alexandria by Constantine, and subsequently brought to Rome, where it now stands in the centre of the Piazza di San Giovanni.

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THE supporters of the anti-mixed-residence

movement have been busy in Kyoto of late, and as a consequence have managed to obtain 2,000 signatures to a petition against mixed residence which is shortly to be submitted to the Diet. As Kyoto has a population of about 230,000, the efforts of the anti-mixed residence party, in the opinion of the *Kobe Chronicle*, cannot be described as being very successful.

THE *Shanghai Mercury* is credibly informed

that the two heads promised in the Sungpu

massacre settlement are regarded by the "sleek politis" Viceroy as a delicate compliment to the eminent naturalist who negotiated the matter, and who has distinguished himself in this kind of thing before in Burma. The title of his new book, it is respectfully submitted, should be "The Head-Hunters of Sungpu," not of Burma.

THE China Association in Shanghai having

telegraphed to the Hongkong branch to ask if the latter knew of any authority for Mr. Sydney

Buxton's statement in the House of Commons,

as published in one of Reuter's telegrams (that Hongkong does not favour the coinage of a British dollar) the China Association in Hongkong replied by wire that they "knew nothing beyond Reuter's publication." They ought to know well enough that the British dollar is very strongly advocated, as the Governor said to be

the opening of the Council.

BOYCOTTED: "Yes, it does seem unfair that British tradesmen, artisans, and others should be practically boycotted by the powers that be" in this misgoverned colony, but when you pitched your tent here you must have known that almost all the government printing as well as other work is given out to aliens; that hosts of aliens are employed in the government offices and that the average Britisher is thought less of than foreign flunkies and tub-bouncers. If you wait for fair play you are bound to go down with grey hairs and sorrow to the grave.

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constructed by English enterprise, will be completed as far as the Jordan by next April, making

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sea washed three of the crew overboard, all of

whom were drowned, as it was too rough to

launch a boat.

In the British Consular Court at Shanghai on

the 18th inst. Mr. Justice Hannan refused an

application by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.

to adduce fresh evidence in the suit of Major

versus Jardine, Matheson & Co., the case

having already been concluded and judgment

given.

AT will be seen in another part of this issue,

death has taken away Inspector James Howell,

of Shanghai, who joined the Customs service in

1860. He was appointed Inspector of River

Police in 1882, and had many friends. He was

for a number of years Foreman of No. 2 Hong-

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THE Inquest on the body of the coolie killed by a crane accident at Quarry Bay a few days ago was commenced yesterday before Mr. Wodehouse, and was adjourned until Wednesday next.

THE Mission steam-launch *Day Spring* will call alongside vessels hoisting code pennant C, between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning at 12.30 p.m.

ACCORDING to the latest available returns Russia has the largest *proto* population, 108,840; next comes India with 70,510, Italy with 68,818; Japan with 63,824; France with 60,816; the United States with 59,358 and Great Britain with 50,474.

THE *China Mail* last night had an item of a kind which is becoming far too common in that quarter, and for the sake of public interest we have intended to deal with it; but really it is quite unfair to publication, and the police ought to be put on "Brownie's track."

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IT is said that newspaper work pays so badly in Sydney just now that one Press Association has sent forth a branch in the form of a matrimonial agency.

THE *Charter Tower*, now the *Artak Maru*, recently sold to the *Mitsui Kisen Kaisha*, arrived here-to-day from Katchinotzu flying the Japanese flag.

THE Inspectors and sergeants of the Police Force, with their accustomed hospitality, have arranged to entertain their friends at a quadrille party to be held at the Central Station on Christmas night.

ON Tuesday last the man Jansen, who is charged at the instance of the aeronauts Lawrence and Sieghenbom with breach of trust, was committed to take his trial before the Singapore Court of Two Magistrates.

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Mr. Joseph Mariburk; in the absence of instructions asked for, and for other obvious reasons, this claim was not pressed, but I refused to pay him the dividends upon his admitted claim against the Company, whereupon he instituted proceedings to enforce payment thereof, which necessitated setting up the counter-claim for short stock in order to avoid payment of his claim while he was indebted to the Company for this I have done and obtained judgment for the counter-claim and costs.

Having so far as possible completed the Company's unfurnished stock of furniture, and sold the same either privately or by auction, the remaining stock was sold by auction in October last, and also, at a subsequent sale this month, particulars of which will appear in the next statement.

Of the unpaid calls there remains an amount which may be regarded as, in a certain event, recoverable, but the greater part must be considered as beyond recovery.

From the state of our accounts it will be seen that the tangible assets on the 20th June were \$31,771.66 while the liabilities (omitting capital and Mr. Mariburk's claim now disposed of) amounts to \$14,431.92, leaving, after deducting these liabilities in full, a surplus of assets of \$10,340.64; this surplus will, however, probably be largely absorbed by the heavy loss on the late forced sales by auction.

Immediately upon the adoption of these accounts by you, it is proposed to declare a further dividend to the creditors. The accounts of the current half-year are now being prepared and will be submitted to you as soon as the same are audited and, after their adoption by you, the remaining assets will be distributed and the liquidation closed.

In conducting this liquidation certain valuable assistance was rendered, and for it a proposal will be submitted to you that suitable remuneration shall be paid; I have agreed to acknowledge the services of Mr. A. Smith, the Company's late assistant manager, who at inadequate remuneration has materially aided in the compilation and sale of the Company's property.

In conclusion, I have to state that the lately pending suit with Mr. Mariburk, together with the exigencies of my own private business, have prevented the preparation and issue of this report earlier.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,
W. S. JOHN H. HANCOCK.

THE MARIBURK FUR-STORE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

(In Liquidation.)

30th June, 1893, to 30th, 1893.

Dr. To Gondwill, estimated \$ 20.00
Stock 15,351.50
S. J. Gondwill to Bangkok 1,158.80
Machinery in Stock 3,727.71
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in Account with Liquidator \$10,067.95
Cash in hand 351.50
Sundry Debtors 10,419.45
" Mariburk Furniture Co., Ltd. 2,000.00
" 200 shares Nos. 1, 101 to 1,200 (100 shares) Nos. 1, 101 to 1,080 (100 shares) taken in part liquidation of debt—Nominal value \$5,000.00
Balance 59,814.00
\$94,585.96

Cr. Liabilities.
By Capital:—
3,000 shares @ \$25 \$75,000.00
Less calls unpaid 7,100.00
\$67,900.00

" Hongkong & Shanghai Bank:—
Due to them prior to liquidation ... 16,007.45
" J. Mariburk:—
Due as compensation for terminating agreement \$3,000.00
Due for balance salary to 14th Aug. 1893 254.00
2,354.04

Accounts Payable:—
For material \$1,715.05
" Director's fees 1,000.00
" Printing & advertising 546.57
" Auditor's fees 100.00
" Coal 295.51
" Commission to Mr. A. Smith 800.00
Stationery 4.10
Labour 43.77
Legal Expenses 94.50
Partners and Commission 619.34
Taxes 7.00
Insurance 3.67
Salaries 183.96
" Factory Rent:—
Mar. to Aug. \$1,499.00
1891 9.00
May & June 1,568.00
1893 23.70
" Sundries 50.00
" Telephone Co., clockwork 1,231.60
" Ware 202.50
Bricks, repairable to boiler 8,424.47
\$94,585.96

WORKING ACCOUNT.
Dr. 30th June, 1891, to 30th June, 1893.
To Balance from last account \$2,447.12
" Labour 643.59
" Material used 1,034.35
" Rent for factory and store (1st July, 1891, to 30th June, 1893) 3,825.47
" Taxes 404.20
" Salaries 3,970.60
" Commissions 1,109.83

Compensation:—
For calculating the losses of factory and store \$6,480.39
For incensing agreement with Mr. A. Smith 800.00
For cancelling agreement with J. Mariburk 2,000.00
With J. Mariburk 9,280.39

Machinery:—
Cost of same \$10,267.94
Less Sale 10,732.00
Less in stock 1,727.71
\$2,509.71

Goodwill written off 7,783.35
Stock:—
On hand as per last statement \$44,483.50
Less estimate d'value of stock 30th June, 1893 15,351.50

Charges (auction expenses, &c.) 2,024.47
Furniture and Fixtures 543.64
Travelling expenses 320.00
Office expenses 209.44
Coal 151.74
Interest 103.14
Auditor's fees 117.93
Bad debts 100.00
Stationery 152.83
Loss on sale of crockery (Arthur & Co.) 517.02
Loss on consignment to Manila 281.47
Liquidator's fees 1,601.00

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without carefully reading it, for when I now read it carefully I do not agree with it."

Dr. Shantaram Vitha says:—"I don't remember having signed the petition. If I have done so, it was, perhaps, after a hasty perusal of the document. On reading the petition now carefully I have reason to disagree."

Dr. R. N. Permanand says:—"I don't remember signing the petition, a copy of which appears in the Anti-Opium News for September 1892, and to which my signature has been attached. I don't agree with the views contained therein."

Dr. L. D. Almeida says:—"I have faint recollection of signing a petition about opium consumption. I must have done so under some misunderstanding or wrong information."

Dr. Joshi says:—"I don't remember to have signed the petition, taking an extreme view of the opium question. I am of opinion that opium used in moderate quantities by people accustomed to its use proves of great benefit to them, and that the actual害处 from it would lead the people to worse and worse."

Dr. F. X. Ferreira says:—"I remember having signed a petition, but did so under some misapprehension. I am for opium."

Dr. Merwin-e-Karjee says:—"I do not remember having signed such a petition. It must have been under some misapprehension, for my views are quite the contrary."

Dr. M. R. Sethna says:—"I don't remember having signed the petition, but to say the truth I had no time to read it, as I was very busy at the time. I am for opium, and had I read the contents, I should not have signed it."

Dr. A. F. Fernandes says:—"I remember having signed the petition, but probably under some misapprehension, for I do not quite share the views thereof. Only when abused opium produces its bad effects, and not when taken in moderation."

Dr. A. P. Andrade says:—"I signed the petition under misrepresentation."

Dr. Edulji says:—"I don't remember having signed the petition, but if I have done so, it must have been under some false representation or without a careful reading of it. On carefully reading it now I quite disagree with it."

Dr. A. H. Hyma says:—"I do not remember having signed a petition with a p'ty attached to it. At any rate my views are quite opposite to those contained in the petition."

The writer of this is prepared to satisfy Mr. Robinson, or any other candid inquirer like him, as to the truth of the statements now made by the above-named gentlemen. What a commentary on the ways of the Anti-Opium League!

NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

A large fire occurred at Hankow on the 12th inst., in which over a hundred families were burnt out and two large temples destroyed. The fire originated in one of the latter.

H. E. Wang Yu-tsao, the newly-appointed Provincial Treasurer of Szechuan, has left Shanghai for Ichang by the Kiangyung via Hankow. His Excellency will proceed overland for his post at Chingtu, the capital of Szechuan.

A large fire occurred on the 15th inst. at Peking; a large bamboo yard, cotton cleaning and packing house, and a number of houses, all the property of a man named Chang, being completely destroyed, the loss being not less than Tsu, 20,000.

The scholars and cadets of the Nanking Naval School were examined on the 12th and 13th inst. by H. E. Liu K'un-yi, the Governor-General. The examinations passed off successfully, all the civil and military authorities of the metropolitan city being also in attendance.

Food for Consumers.—Scoff's Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphite of Lime and Soda is a most wonderful food for the Consumers. It not only gives strength and increases the flesh, but heals the irritation of the throat and lungs. It is very palatable; children take it like milk, and in all wasting diseases, both for adults and children, it is a marvellous food and medicine. Any Chemist can supply it. A. S. Watson & Co. (Limited), agents in Hongkong and China.—*Advertiser.*

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship
"CATHERINE APCAR."

Captain J. G. Olliff, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 29th instant, at noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.,
Agents
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1893.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"CATHERINE APCAR."

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or removal on board after WEDNESDAY, the 27th inst., at noon, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited, Wanchai.

No Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.,
Agents
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1893.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

CORPS ORDERS FOR WEEK ENDING 30TH DECEMBER '93

No. 44—FIELD BATTERY—For duty, Lieutenant MACHELL and Sergeant Brown.

No. 45—Preparation for Field day on 1st January, WEDNESDAY, 5.30 P.M.—Explanation of Field day scheme and remarks on use of shell & No Uniform. FRIDAY, 5.30 P.M.—2 P.M.—GUN DRILL (Ponics), Uniform; Serge, Helmets (plain), Sidesmores, Waterbottles and Havesticks. ALL MEMBERS ARE SPECIALLY REQUESTED TO ATTEND THESE TWO PARADES.

F. JERRARD,
Acting Commandant,
H.M.V. Corps
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1893.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE is given that the RANGE will be CLOSED to MEMBERS on the afternoon of 27th December.

ED. ROBINSON,
Hon. Secretary,
Yokohama, Japan.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1893.

5th November, 1893.

Intimations.

THE JAPAN WATCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

REGISTERED IN HONGKONG AS A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

CAPITAL \$10,000,000.

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The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—100 per cent. prem. sales.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £3,000 paid up—\$25, sales and buyers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders shares, nominal.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—nominal.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—Founders' shares, nominal.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—24 per cent. premium, sellers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—2 per cent. premium, buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent. premium.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$94 per share, sales and buyers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$55 per share, sales and buyers.
North China Insurance—Tls. 135 per share, buyers.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$142 per share, sellers.
Yangtze Insurance Association—\$60, sellers.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 15 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$202 per share, buyers.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$81 per share, buyers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$20 per share, sales and buyers.
China and Manila Steam Ship Company—\$53 per share, sellers.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—\$74 per cent. discount, sales and buyers.
Douglas Steamship Company—\$43, sellers.
The Steam Launch Co., Limited—\$20 per share, buyers.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—79 per cent. premium, buyers.
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$18 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$15 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$15.
The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.
The Shanghai Hotel Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.
Punjab Mining Co.—\$7 per share, sellers.
The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sales and sellers.
The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$1.25 per share, sellers.
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin—\$6 per share, sellers and buyers.
The Jebebo Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$1 per share and buyers.
New Imari Mining Co., Limited—nominal.
London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—via China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$180 per share, sales and buyers.
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$35 buyers.
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$10, buyers.
Dakin, Cruckshank & Co., Limited—\$14 per share, sales and buyers.
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$44 per share, buyers.
The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$9 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$55 sellers.
The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$20 per share, sellers.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$71 per share, buyers.
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$37 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$60 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$110 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Ice Company—\$81 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and China Baker Company, Limited—\$65 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sellers.
The Greek Island Cement Co.—\$51, buyers.
The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sales and buyers.
The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.
The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$65 per share, buyers.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON—Bank, T. T. 2/3
Bank Bills, on demand 2/3
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/4
Credits at 4 months' sight 2/4
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/4
ON PARIS—
Bank Bills, on demand 2.01
Credits at 4 months' sight 2.95
ON INDIA:—
T. T. 180/4
On Demand 181
ON SHANGHAI—
Bank, T. T. 72/4
Private, 30 days' sight 73.

VISITORS AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

Mr. M. S. Abraham. Mr. F. W. Phillips.
Mr. F. Baye. Mr. F. von der Pfliedten.
Mr. J. de Rosa Barros. Mrs. von der Pfliedten.
Mr. J. Benavides. and two children.
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Mr. R. P. Duncan. Mr. J. de Rizels.
Consul Feindel. Mr. J. de Rizels.
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Comdr. Hanbury. Mr. J. H. Scott.
Mr. J. Hanbury. Mr. F. E. Shean.
Miss Hanbury. Mr. de Haas de Sta-
piana.
Mr. J. Henderson. Capt. Tillet.
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Ladano. Capt. & Mrs. Stokes.
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Mr. J. McWilliams. Mr. T. Windsor.
Mr. Min. Mr. & Mrs. Wushnowski
Mr. T. Mitchell. and child.
Rev. J. M. Morton.

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Mr. F. East. Mr. A. E. Steele.
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Mr. J. M. Murray.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

22nd December, 1893—At 4 p.m.

STATION.	Lat.	Long.	Temp.	Wind.	W.	W.	W.
Whidbeystock	48.58	120.10	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Tokio	35.00	139.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Nagasaki	33.00	130.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Shanghai	31.00	121.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Foochow	26.00	120.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Amoy	26.00	120.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Asper	26.00	120.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Calcutta	23.00	88.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Hongkong	23.00	114.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Wan Po	23.00	114.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Macao	20.00	115.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Holloway	20.00	115.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Bolton	20.00	115.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Malacca	19.00	115.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Cape St. James	59.00	120.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.

23rd December, 1893—At 10 a.m.

STATION.	Lat.	Long.	Temp.	Wind.	W.	W.	W.
Whidbeystock	48.51	120.10	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Tokio	35.00	139.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Nagasaki	33.00	130.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Shanghai	31.00	121.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Amoy	26.00	120.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Berrow	26.00	120.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Calcutta	23.00	88.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Hongkong	23.00	114.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Wan Po	23.00	114.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Macao	20.00	115.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Holloway	20.00	115.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Bolton	20.00	115.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Malacca	19.00	115.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Cape St. James	59.00	120.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.

REPORTS.

The Japanese steamship *Mitsu Maru* reports that she left Kobe on the 17th instant. Had fine weather throughout.

The Japanese steamship *Ariaki Maru* reports that she left Kuchinotsu on the 18th instant. Had fine weather.

The British steamship *Kwongtsang* reports she left Wuhu on the 13th instant, and experienced fresh northerly wind and fine weather to port.

The British steamship *Catherine Apcar* reports that she left Calcutta on the 6th instant, Penang on the 13th, and Singapore on the 16th. After leaving Singapore experienced fresh monsoon and high sea.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Canton.—Per *Powow* to-morrow, the 24th instant, at 9 A.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Taitang* on Monday, the 25th instant, at 9 A.M.

For Singapore.—Per *Salalig* on Tuesday, the 26th instant, at 9 A.M.

For Foochow.—Per *Foochong* on Tuesday, the 26th instant, at 9 A.M.

For Singapore, Colombo, and Bombay.—Per *Mitsu Maru* on Tuesday, the 26th instant, at 9 A.M.

For Europe, &c., Australia, India, and Madras, Calcutta, and Mauritius.—Per *Salalig* on Wednesday, the 27th instant, at 11 A.M.

For Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Empress of Japan* on Wednesday, the 27th instant, at 11 A.M.

For Singapore, Manila, and Hongkong.—Per *Empress of China* on Wednesday, the 27th instant, at 11 A.M.

For Europe, &c., Australia, India, and Madras, Calcutta, and Mauritius.—Per *Salalig* on Wednesday, the 27th instant, at 11 A.M.

For Singapore, Samarang, and Sourabaya.—Per *Hugh* on Wednesday, the 27th instant, at 11 A.M.

For Kobe.—Per *Chelyab* on Thursday, the 28th instant, at 3:30 P.M.

For Straits and Calcutta.—Per *Catherine Apcar* on Friday, the 29th instant, at 11:30 A.M.

F. F. Foss, First Assistant.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Geo. Falconer & Co.'s Register.)

STATION.	Lat.	Long.	Temp.	Wind.	W.	W.	W.
Whidbeystock	48.51	120.10	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Tokio	35.00	139.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Nagasaki	33.00	130.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Shanghai	31.00	121.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Amoy	26.00	120.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
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Bolton	20.00	115.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Malacca	19.00	115.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.
Cape St. James	59.00	120.00	50	W.	W.	W.	W.

First 10:30 A.M. Barometer steady. Gradients moderate throughout. Wind slight, variable, and variable. Wind scale in percentage of saturation, the humidity of the air expressed with hundredths.

Temperature in the shade in degrees, Fahrenheit, and in degrees, Centigrade, with the number of the wind in inches, teeth, and hundredths.

Barometric scale—4 of the state of the weather, 5 of the wind, according to Beaufort scale.

Clouds—8 of the shade, 5 of the sky, 4 of the sea, 3 of the land.

Thunder—1 of the shade, 2 of the sky, 3 of the sea, 4 of the land.

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